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Japan's Trade Surplus Shrank In '87 but Widened With U.S.

almost entirely due to the rebound in oil prices. And some argued that Japan was shifting the weight of its surplus from the United States to Western Europe. A more worrisome picture emerged from trade figures for the month of December. The ministry said the surplus shrank to \$8.60 billion from \$8.77 billion a year earlier. But the monthly figure was the highest in 12 months, and well above \$4.74 billion in November.

Republican Hopes Rise On Economic Outlook

WASHINGTON — The latest reports on the U.S. economy, including signs that the trade deficit is finally shrinking, have raised Republican hopes that the economy is settling onto a course that could enhance the prospects of Republican candidates.

NEWS ANALYSIS

NEWS ANALYSIS dwell more on such issues as social problems, leadership, personal character and management skill. "I'd tell Democrats, 'Find other issues,'" said George L. Perry, an economist at the Brookings Institution who was an adviser to Walter F. Mondale's unsuccessful 1984 Democratic presidential campaign.



Women running Tuesday to catch transportation from the El Bureij refugee camp to Gaza City, in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, after Israel lifted a curfew, allowing only women to leave the Palestinian district for a few hours to shop for food and supplies.

In Gaza, Calm Returns at a High Price

By Glenn Frankel Washington Post Service NUSSEIRAT, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip — Ahmed Annouri opened the door of his refrigerator Tuesday morning, displaying its contents. There was a handful of bruised eggplants and moldy potatoes, a brown cauliflower and several tomatoes with blue and white spots.

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By John Kifner New York Times Service JERUSALEM — Israel invoked emergency police powers Tuesday in East Jerusalem for the first time since it annexed the Arab sector 20 years ago.

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# Soviet Aide Urges NATO To Forgo New Arms

By Robert McCartney  
Washington Post Service  
BONN — The Soviet foreign minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, warned Tuesday that proposed deployments of new Western nuclear weapons as substitutes for those to be scrapped under last month's U.S.-Soviet treaty would "scuttle" recent progress in disarmament.

Mr. Shevardnadze, at the end of a two-day visit to Bonn, also rebuffed Chancellor Helmut Kohl's repeated expressed wish to receive a visit from the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, during the first half of this year.

Mr. Shevardnadze strongly criticized proposals being considered by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to deploy in coming years new nuclear weapons in Europe that are permitted under the Intermediate Nuclear Forces treaty.

The options under study include new battlefield-range missiles, air-launched cruise missiles, and aircraft using advanced technology to penetrate Soviet air defenses.

NATO has not decided to put in place any of the weapons. But senior NATO officials have said that they could accept the INF pact only if such weapons were deployed in the early 1990s to bolster the alliance's ability to deter a Warsaw Pact attack.

Mr. Shevardnadze rejected suggestions by the NATO secretary-general, Lord Carrington, and other Western leaders that the INF treaty should be followed by a "pause" in arms control while NATO adjusts its defense strategy to take into account the changes brought about by the treaty.

"Take the discussion about a pause in nuclear disarmament matters," Mr. Shevardnadze said. "Why is this necessary? It is equivalent to arranging for so-called compensatory arms in Europe."

Mr. Shevardnadze also urged West Germany and other NATO members to drop plans to deploy a new, modernized version of the tactical, or battlefield-range, Lance missile.

# Breton Anger Swells Over 'Black Tide' Judgment

By Youssef M. Ibrahim  
New York Times Service  
PORTSALL, France — Ten years later, Bretons remember the catastrophe they call *La Marée Noire*, the Black Tide, with the intensity with which Americans recall the moment President John F. Kennedy was shot.

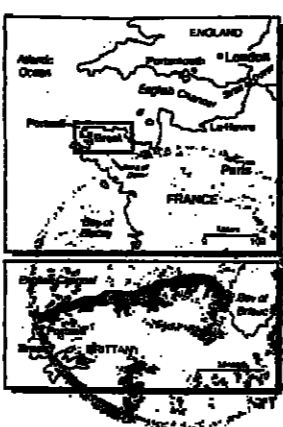
In the little ports that dot this misty, hauntingly beautiful Atlantic coast of France, the bitter memory is tinged with new anger at the quality of U.S. justice.

In this case, the bete noire of Brittany is the Chicago-based Amoco Corp., a major U.S. oil producer. It has been so ever since 68 million gallons (257 million liters) of oil from one of the company's giant oil tankers, the Amoco Cadiz, fouled the beaches of Brittany in 1978.

The government and the communities affected by the spill filed claims totaling \$750 million. And to many in France, the episode has taken on the essence of a morality tale: villagers pitted against the epitome of capitalism.

President Francois Mitterrand, recently saluted "the solidarity and the tenacity of the communities of Brittany" in a telegram read aloud to about 300 representatives of all the parties suing Amoco, gathered at St-Brieuc 70 miles (113 kilometers) west of Portsall.

They stood at attention to listen, then unanimously adopted a decision to "go on with the com-



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bat against Amoco," and appeal the judgment.  
Le Juge McGarr, as he is called, had been something of a hero in Brittany, ever since what Bretons say was his "courageous" 1984 judgment, placing the responsibility for polluting Brittany's beaches squarely on Amoco.

But this admiration ended Jan. 1, when the judge awarded the Breton communities of fishermen, innkeepers, small industrialists and others what they regard as the paltry sum of \$17 million. Much of the rest of the money is going to the French government, whose soldiers and equipment were engaged for months in the huge cleanup job.

Bretons say the money from the judgment does not even pay the legal costs, which have reached 95 million francs (\$16.7 million) and are far from over.

But what hurt people, said Mayor Alphonse Arzel of Portsall, was Judge McGarr's comment that the Bretons' claims were "greatly exaggerated."

The Bretons were so sure of the judge that they had planned to erect a statue for him at Portsall. "We will not put up a statue for him anymore," Mr. Arzel said. "I don't mind saying it, and you can write it, because a lot of

people around here think so: Le Juge McGarr was bought off by Amoco," said Victor Guizou, a red-faced, athletic-looking, fishing boat captain.  
Inevitably the judgment is being translated into a wider commentary about U.S. justice.

"The general impression in my village is that it's always the big guys who win," said Yves Bertrand, the 85-year-old mayor of the tiny community of Landunvez.

To understand the dimension of the Amoco Cadiz catastrophe, it is enough to ask people where they were when it happened. They all remember as if it were yesterday. It was 10:45 on the night of March 16, a Thursday, when the giant vessel, beached on the rocky coast, began to break up with sight of Portsall. The huge slick of oil leaked for days from the tanker, an immense structure.

The oil covered more than 100 miles of Brittany's dazzlingly white beaches with layers of viscous crude piled 12 inches (30 centimeters) high in places. It killed 30,000 sea gulls, wiped out prized oyster beds and seaweed plantations and 230,000 tons of crabs, lobsters, sole and other fish, and left the ecological balance of the sea upset to this day. It also deprived France's second most popular summer resort of two tourist seasons.

Tens of thousands of French soldiers, policemen, students, scientists and other volunteers worked for months to wash the beaches, treat the sea, remove the dead birds and fish and shove the sand dunes. Fishermen stopped fishing for four months. Millions of oysters, another big industry, had to be destroyed and the oyster beds needed three years to make a comeback.

Jean-Pierre Carval, a spokesman for the fishermen of Brest, said none of the 2,500 fishermen directly affected received any compensation. At a seaside bar, the fishermen were the angriest. "Instead of spending 90 million francs on this trial for 10 years we should have purchased a tanker, filled it with oil, and sunk it off the U.S. coast so they can understand," one fisherman told his companions.

Today little is visible of the tragedy. But if you turn some rocks on the beaches, the bottom might be soiled with oil. The bulk of the Amoco Cadiz has been claimed by the sea. French television showed it the other day in underwater footage covered with algae and surrounded by fish feeding greedily.

# Poland May Allow Alternative Service

By Jackson Diehl  
Washington Post Service  
WARSAW — The Polish government indicated Tuesday it was preparing to make an important concession to the country's political opposition by creating the Warsaw Pact's first program of alternative military service for conscientious objectors.

The move follows a sustained campaign by the dissident movement Freedom and Peace for the right to refuse military service, and a growing trend of conscientious objection around Communist-ruled Eastern Europe.

Jozef Urban, a government spokesman, said at a press conference that the military authorities were considering a plan to allow Poles to choose alternative service to the military on condition they

serve in civilian posts for twice the normal obligatory military term of two to three years.  
Mr. Urban also said that if the plan were adopted, courts could reconsider the cases of Freedom and Peace members imprisoned for refusing to enter the army.

Ten such dissidents have been jailed in recent months, and six have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from two to three years.

The Polish plan, which Mr. Urban compared to alternative service programs in such Western countries as West Germany and France, Warsaw Pact nations.

Currently, Poles can qualify for alternative service only on health grounds and then only with the consent of the military authorities.

Hungary and East Germany also have strictly limited programs for conscientious objectors allowing them to serve in unarmed military construction units.  
In Hungary, the waiver is usually only granted to Jehovah's Witnesses.

Conscientious objectors in both countries are regularly imprisoned, and alternative service has become a key demand for dissident groups there as well as in Czechoslovakia.

Representatives of conscientious objector groups from several East bloc countries met in Budapest last year to coordinate strategy for activity around the Warsaw Pact.

The pact nations committed themselves to providing alternative military service in the 1975 Helsinki accords between East and West but never carried out the pledge.

# AIDS Expert Says Vaccine Is Far Off

GENEVA — Efforts to create a vaccine against AIDS have run into difficulties, and the disease will remain a global threat for many years, Dr. Luc Montagnier, a French specialist on AIDS, said Tuesday.  
Dr. Montagnier, one of two scientists credited with identifying the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome, told a World Health Organization meeting that test vaccinations of chimpanzees had failed to protect the animals against infection.

"The problem of a vaccine is a very tricky one, indeed. The problem has not been solved," he said. "I do not know whether I can say today that we will be able to develop a vaccine or not, but research is continuing in a very intensive manner." Dr. Montagnier led a session of the 31-member executive board.

Dr. Montagnier, chief virologist at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, added, "The problem of AIDS will remain for many years to come."  
Dr. Jonathan Mann, head of the WHO program to combat AIDS, said difficulties encountered in vaccine tests on animals had raised the question of whether it was appropriate to start trials on human patients.

Dr. Mann told the meeting that more than 75,000 cases of the disease had been reported in 130 countries. But he added that WHO estimated the true total of cases to be double that figure and that the toll is expected to reach 300,000 in 1988.

Dutch insurers will demand proof that clients do not carry the AIDS virus when they take out a life insurance policy, an insurance association said Tuesday, Reuters reported from Amsterdam.  
Wim Mooij, secretary of Dutch Life Assurance Association, said that companies would impose a compulsory test for AIDS for clients wishing to sign a policy for more than 200,000 guilders (\$100,000).

The AIDS tests, paid for by the insurance company, will be carried out by general practitioners. Insurers will refuse life coverage if the tests reveal the client has the AIDS virus, Mr. Mooij said.

# In a New Poem, Yevtushenko Praises Bukharin

By David K. Shieler  
New York Times Service  
WASHINGTON — In a new, previously unpublished poem that has found its way to the United States, the Soviet poet Yevgeny

Yevtushenko expresses admiration and compassion for Nikolai I. Bukharin, the Bolshevik leader whom Stalin had executed in 1938.  
The poem, "Bukharin's Widow," written in June after Mr. Yevtushenko met with Bukharin's widow in Moscow, comes as an additional statement of anti-Stalinism amid a growing campaign in the Soviet press to praise Bukharin and see him officially rehabilitated.

In a society that is closely attuned to reading the nuances and symbolism of historical allusions, the treatment of Bukharin has considerable significance for Russians in interpreting the current policies of Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet leader.

Mr. Gorbachev spoke favorably of Bukharin in a major speech in November, during the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.  
Bukharin favored Lenin's New Economic Program of the 1920s. He opposed the ending of the program, often called NEP, in 1928-29 and the centralized industrialization and agricultural collectivization imposed by Stalin.

In a sense, Mr. Gorbachev's efforts at perestroika, or restructuring, parallel many of Bukharin's views, according to Stephen F. Cohen, a professor of Soviet politics

and history at Princeton University and author of "Bukharin and the Bolshevik Revolution: A Political Biography, 1888-1938."  
"Anti-Stalinism is an essential part of Gorbachev's program," Mr. Cohen said. "Perestroika is an effort to dismantle the system created in the '30s. Bukharin was the real defender of NEP. That's why Bukharin keeps forcing himself back onto the historical and political agenda."

"The idea of cooperative socialism," he continued, "the role of the market, the role of private farming, the role of competition, even in cultural life, the concept of a less heavy-handed censorship and competition among literary and cultural schools are all closely associated with Bukharin."

Mr. Cohen and other specialists say that Bukharin was close to full official rehabilitation, both in the form of a formal judicial document throwing out his conviction in a show trial and posthumous readmission to the Communist Party.  
After Mr. Gorbachev's speech in November, the magazine Ogonyok published an article about Bukharin's widow, Anna M. Larina.

In early December, the weekly Moscow News ran a full-page article on Bukharin. In late December, there was an article in Nedelya, the

weekly supplement of the government newspaper Izvestia.  
Mr. Gorbachev revealed that he had read Mr. Cohen's biography of Bukharin. The Soviet leader, introduced to the author during his visit to Washington in December, "grabbed my hand and held it for a long time," Mr. Cohen recalled. He quoted Mr. Gorbachev as saying: "I read your book about Bukharin. It's a serious, interesting and useful book. Of course, it's possible to have disagreements with it."

Mr. Cohen said he was invited to give a lecture Jan. 6 on Bukharin at the Moscow State Historical-Archival Institute. The rector of the institute, Yuri N. Afanasyev, urged him to make the appearance but announced it just the night before to avoid a mob scene.

"It was a mob scene anyway," Mr. Cohen said. "Afanasyev thought it was the first time, at least since the '20s, that any Westerner had been invited to speak in public on such a controversial subject."  
Mr. Yevtushenko has been reading his new poem around Moscow since he wrote it last summer. He reportedly submitted it to Vitaly A. Korotich, the editor of Ogonyok, with the understanding that it would appear right away. It may still appear, some of Mr. Yevtushenko's friends say.

The hesitation may be "that it's too radical," Mr. Cohen said, "because Bukharin stands as a symbol of the lost founding fathers," and the verses suggest, perhaps, a country that lost its founding ideals.

# WORLD BRIEFS

## 108 Killed in Crash of Chinese Plane

BEIJING (NYT) — A Russian-built Chinese airliner smashed into a hillside Monday night outside the southwestern city of Chongqing, killing 108 passengers and crew members aboard, the Xinhua news agency said Tuesday.

The plane, an Ilyushin 18 operated by China Southwest Airways, was on a regular flight from Beijing to Chongqing. It was the worst air disaster for a Chinese airline since 1982, when 112 people died in a crash near Guilin. The latest crash was not announced in China until Tuesday morning after a report by the Japanese news agency Kyodo in Tokyo.

Among the passengers were three Japanese and a British businessman. At the office of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the national airline company, a man who answered the telephone said there were problems with the engines of the turbo-prop plane, but he refused to explain further.

## Noriega Fires Close Political Adviser

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Panama's military leader has dismissed a close adviser who had been trying to arrange a transition to true civilian rule, according to senior Latin American diplomats.

They said General Manuel Antonio Noriega had dismissed José Blandón as the country's UN representative. General Noriega was reported to have sent Mr. Blandón to the United States to find out what formula for political change would satisfy the United States, which has called on the general to step aside.

Mr. Blandón had promoted a proposal that would have eased General Noriega out of power and forced the retirement of all Panamanian military officers with 25 years of service. After Mr. Blandón presented his plan to U.S. officials, Richard L. Armitage, a Pentagon official, visited Panama a few weeks ago to try to persuade General Noriega to agree to the plan. The general then denounced Mr. Blandón as a traitor.

## 2 Haiti Contenders Assert Vote Fraud

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Two of the top contenders for president in Sunday's elections charged Tuesday that the vote, which was run by the ruling junta, was rigged in favor of Leslie Manigat, a university teacher.

One of the two, Gregoire Eugene, a lawyer, said he would not recognize the results if Mr. Manigat won. The other contender charging vote rigging was Hubert DeConcrey, a sociologist.  
Leaders of the opposition earlier demanded that all the election results be voided. They led a boycott of the elections and predicted Monday that the military-led provisional government would exaggerate turnout figures to make the outcome appear legitimate. While it appeared that few people voted Sunday, state-run television called the voting an "electoral avalanche."

## Afghan Rebels Reject UN Mediation

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuters) — Afghan rebel leaders, speaking the day before talks on ending the nine-year Afghan war are to resume here, said Tuesday that they would refuse to meet with the United Nations mediator, Diego Cordovez.

In a statement, the chairman of the rebel alliance, Mawlawi Yunus Khalis, also said that UN-sponsored peace talks in Geneva should be abandoned. Mr. Cordovez was to arrive Wednesday in Islamabad to resume talks there. The rebel statement came hours after the Afghan Foreign Ministry said the coming talks could lead to a final peace settlement.

"Cordovez wants to give the Afghan nation to the Russians in the name of a political settlement," said the rebel statement, which was issued by a spokesman for Mr. Khalis. "The Islamic alliance announces that it is not ready to see Cordovez; we are not ready to talk with him."

## Ex-Chargé in Paris Returning to Iran

PARIS (AP) — Gholam Reza Haddadi, the former chargé d'affaires at the Iranian Embassy in Paris, is returning to Tehran, conforming to the wishes of the French government, the French Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

Paris broke diplomatic relations with Tehran in July in a dispute, since resolved, involving France's right to question an employee of the Iranian Embassy about terrorism. Since then, Iranian interests in France have been handled by Pakistan and French interests in Iran by Italy.  
"As the chargé d'affaires in Tehran, Mr. Pierre Lafont, has returned to Paris, it was normal that Mr. Haddadi no longer be one of the members of the Iranian interest section," a spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry said.

## BBC Radio Monopoly Faces Contest

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain plans to license three new commercial radio stations to break a British Broadcasting Corp. monopoly of national radio, Home Secretary Douglas Hurd announced Tuesday.  
In a radical shake-up of broadcasting, the government intends also to allow local commercial radio stations to take responsibility for the first time for their transmissions and programming.

The government's plans will require the approval of Parliament. Commercial broadcasting has been confined to local stations, although the BBC has been in competition with national networks of commercial television stations since the 1950s.

## Yugoslav Unions Draft Strike Rules

BELGRADE (Reuters) — Trade unions in the Yugoslav republic of Slovenia have drafted the country's first guidelines for organizing strikes.  
The Slovenian branch of the Confederation of Trade Unions of Yugoslavia instruct unions to organize and lead strikes if workers' demands are not met through regular channels.

Yugoslavia, where strikes are neither banned nor permitted, was plagued by a series of spontaneous strikes last year. But the strikes were not organized by the confederation, which is an integral part of the country's system of "socialist self-management" but has become increasingly critical of government economic policy.

## TRAVEL UPDATE

### P&O Ferries Move on Crew Drinking

LONDON (Reuters) — P&O European Ferries, a British sea ferry line, said Tuesday that it was seeking an agreement with trade unions to curb crew members drinking alcohol aboard ship.  
A spokesman for the company, which operates several passenger routes between Britain and Europe, said that what the company "cannot accept is that any seafarer at any time on board a vessel is unable to properly carry out his or her emergency duties because of overindulgence in alcohol."

Alitalia's domestic subsidiary, ATI, said Tuesday in Rome that it would resume flights using the French-Italian ATR-42 aircraft. Flights had been suspended since a crash killed 37 people last October.  
Belgian air controllers began wildcat strikes Tuesday to protest low pay. The initial two-hour stoppage from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. was expected to disrupt about 25 arrivals and 15 departures at the Brussels airport. Incoming flights will be diverted to Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Lille, France. The controllers plan to strike in every shift until further notice, which would mean three times a day. (Reuters)

About 18,000 Athens taxi drivers refused to operate in the center of the city for the second day Tuesday, protesting an anti-smog measure that would halve the number of taxis on the streets. Some pickets clashed with cabbies who tried to drive in the central city on Monday. (Reuters)

## Correction

A photo caption in some editions Tuesday misidentified the nation that has taken over the presidency of the European Community. It is West Germany.

## Thatcher Asks Visit By Takeshita to U.K.

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, during a meeting Tuesday with Japan's trade minister, Hajime Tamura, invited Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita to visit Britain, government sources said.

They said Mr. Takeshita was expected to take up the invitation in June on his way to Toronto for a meeting of the leaders of the major industrialized countries.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

SIR HENRY COTTON  
A requiem mass and service of thanksgiving for Sir Henry Cotton will be held at 10:30 a.m. on March 16th, 1988 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W.1. Those intending to be present are requested to write to:  
The Professional Golfers' Association, Apollo House, The Bellamy, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 9PT.

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# Drug Tests in U.S. Being Used to Curb Convict Recidivism

By Peter Kerr

NEW YORK — As U.S. prisons and jail populations swell beyond capacity, states are increasingly using drug tests to identify the worst criminal offenders and using treatment of drug abuse to alter their criminal behavior.

for several reasons: to get money to purchase drugs; because drug use can lead to erratic and sometimes criminal behavior; and because the heavy use of heroin, cocaine and PCP often leads the user into a subculture of illegality.

In 1984, Washington began a pilot program to try to identify heavy drug users among the 35,000 people who pass through the criminal justice system there each year. After their arrests, defendants were asked to voluntarily give urine samples for drug tests.

If defendants tested positive, the judge often told them that as a condition of release before their cases came to court, they would have to stay free of drugs and report regularly for testing.

Of the defendants who appeared for testing and stayed off drugs, 16 percent were re-arrested on other charges within their case were disposed of by the courts. Of those who failed to appear or continued to use drugs, 32 percent got in trouble with the law on other charges.

"Even if we don't alter the defendant's behavior, the program gives the judge valuable information," said Jay A. Carver, director of the pretrial services agency in Washington, that administers the program. "It helps the judge allocate scarce treatment and jail space."

In a study of a program in New York, of those prisoners who completed nine to 12 months in treatment before they were to be released, 78 percent made it through three years of parole without a violation of arrest. Of a comparable group of prisoners who did not go through the program, only 40.5 percent avoided violations or arrests.

With a toughening of criminal laws and sentences, the population of federal and state prisons has swollen to 550,000 from 200,000 since 1970. Most states now are faced with court orders to relieve overcrowding and find they cannot indefinitely continue to build prison cells at an average cost of \$50,000 to \$75,000 apiece.

But some civil liberties lawyers warn that widespread testing of defendants after their arrest, even if it is voluntary, may violate constitutional rights of people who have not been found guilty of a crime.

"The notion that it will be voluntary is nonsense," said Richard Emery, a staff lawyer and spokesman for the Civil Liberties Union. "They will be coerced into the tests. Information from the tests could be computerized and might follow these people around for the rest of their lives."

## AMERICAN TOPICS

### Methods for Fighting The Midwinter Blahs



**POUNDING WINTER SURF** — Debris from the Huntington Beach pier lies in the sand after a storm hit Southern California. Damage was put in the millions from huge waves that smashed restaurants, beach houses and piers. The storm packed the Rockies with snow and then blanketed Nebraska and Kansas on Tuesday. At least 20 deaths have been blamed on bad weather this week.

How to fight the midwinter blahs, that feeling of letdown with the holidays over and months of cold weather ahead? Shopping, drinking, going to the movies or working harder than ever are standard treatments in New York City. Enid Nemy of The New York Times polled acquaintances and turned up such additional antidotes as cooking and baking, curling up with the Sherlock Holmes stories, and singing and dancing.

Robbie Capp, a textile designer, said she goes out dancing "and if the music is loud enough you sing along, no one minds." If no dance partner is at hand, she goes into the living room, puts on "Judy, Barbara or Ella" (Garland, Streisand or Fitzgerald), sings along with them and dances by herself.

"You can't stay depressed being out something like 'The Trolley Song,'" she said.

President Ronald Reagan has jolly beans on his cabinet room table. His Joint Chiefs of Staff do even better. In the "tank" where they meet three times a week, so called only because the first one was entered through an archway reminiscent of a tunnel, each place at the meeting table has a dish of assorted candies, including lemon drops, chocolate kisses and peppermint patties, which are duly devoured. A staff officer who once substituted healthful bowls of dried fruit and nuts, out of apparent concern that the chiefs were ruining their teeth, was quickly replaced and the candies reappeared.

David Scoutras, a Boston city councilman, doesn't want to fight City Hall. He wants to sell it and build one that works better. The idea has come up periodically since the place was built in 1968. Mr. Scoutras plans to hold public hearings, and one fellow council member, Bruce Bolling, said a sale is worth considering. He called the building "a fortress." Although it won the American Institute of Architects' Honor Award the year after it was built, City Hall is inefficient to heat because of its high ceilings and nine-floor atrium. Huge staircases lead nowhere. The flat roof maximizes water seepage. Mr. Scoutras calls it "an albatross."

Sign spotted in The Breakers, a Long Island seafood restaurant, and reported by Renée Paley of Roslyn Heights to The New York Times: Piano Player Wanted. Must Have Knowledge of Opening Clams.

— ARTHUR HIGBEE

# End of Military Revolt Is Hailed in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine newspapers, echoing comments by President Raul Alfonsín, said Tuesday that the crushing of an army mutiny had helped to strengthen and consolidate democracy in Argentina and that the rebellion had found no popular support.

"We have shown that together we are able to ensure democracy and the future of Argentina," Mr. Alfonsín said Monday after loyalist troops stormed the holdout of a former army officer.

Former Lieutenant Colonel Aldo Rico and at least 100 of his supporters in the military surrendered Monday afternoon after a skirmish with loyalist troops in the town of Monte Caseros, 300 miles (630 kilometers) north of Buenos Aires.

Similar uprisings elsewhere in the country were quickly contained by troops loyal to the government.

lands, and accusing them of failing to protect junior officers accused of human rights violations during military rule.

He was dismissed from the army on Thursday after fleeing from house arrest when troops were sent to arrest him.

Defense Minister Horacio Jauretche said Monday night that the country had returned to normal, with all military units responding to their usual lines of command.

The newspapers La Nación and Clarín published headlines Tuesday quoting Mr. Alfonsín as saying, "Democracy has been consolidated."

## American Couple Is Granted Political Asylum by Moscow

MOSCOW — Two American tourists who have requested and been granted political asylum, a Soviet official said Tuesday.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman, Gennadi I. Gerasimov, identified the Americans as Theodore Roslyn Heights to The New York Times: Piano Player Wanted. Must Have Knowledge of Opening Clams.

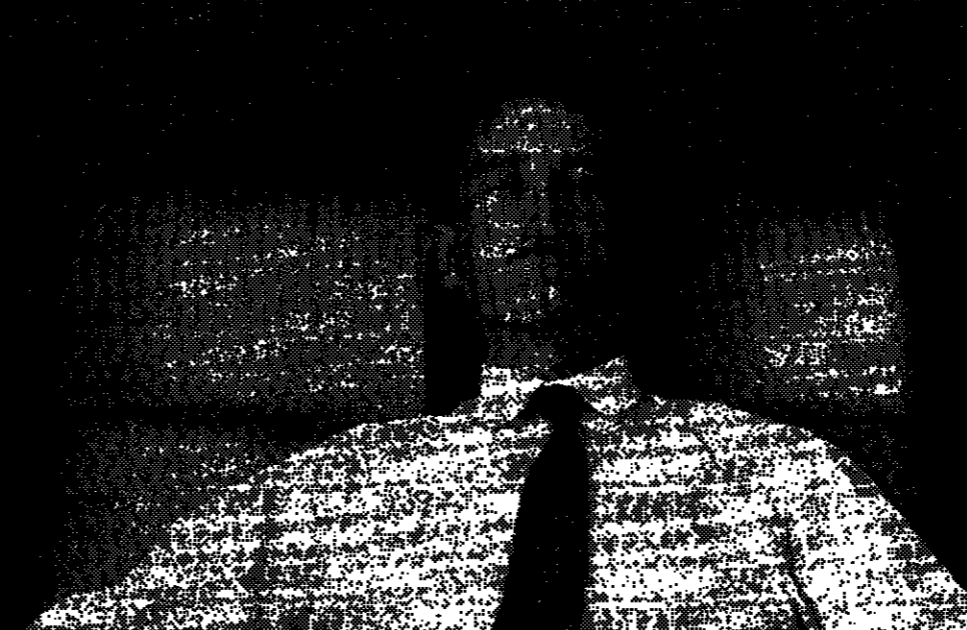
but gave no other details of their jobs or lives in the United States. He said the Branches wrote the President to say that Soviet law provides equal opportunities and possibilities for all, which is an alternative to capitalism.

## Colombia Rebels Seize Politician

BOGOTA — Leftist guerrillas belonging to the M-19 movement burst into the headquarters of the Conservative Party and abducted a leading Bogotá mayoral candidate, Andres Pastrana Arango. The rebels later promised to release Mr. Pastrana with a message to President Virgilio Barco Vargas.

Army and police units set up checkpoints in the city as Mr. Barco met with his cabinet in an emergency session following the abduction Monday.

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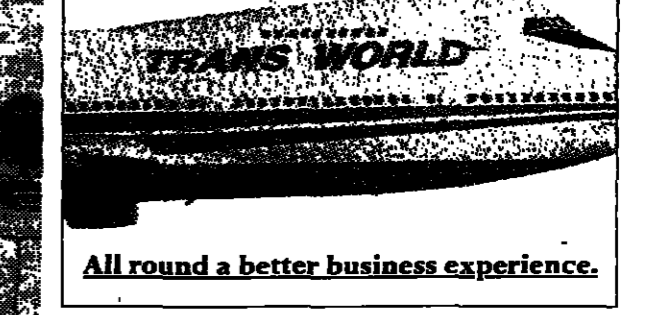
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## Cuban Flow to U.S. Resuming

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials say that Cuban immigration into the United States, suspended since 1985, will resume next month under an agreement that represents the strongest evidence to date of a warming in relations between Washington and Havana.

For the United States, the agreement is a significant step toward a long-range goal of systematic Cuban immigration that would keep out such so-called "undesirables" as the Cuban criminals now held in U.S. prisons, while allowing political dissidents to emigrate to the United States.

U.S.-Cuban relations have been especially chilly since the inauguration three years ago of Radio Martí, a U.S. government-operated station that broadcasts news, features and commentary in Spanish to Cuba. Cuba angrily suspended the immigration agreement on May 20, 1985, the day Radio Martí went on the air.

A U.S. official said of the new flow of Cubans to the United States: "We will probably have only a few dozen in the first month, but we should be up to several hundred by the end of the year."

Late last year, Cuba agreed to the return of criminals who came to the United States in 1980 when Mr. Castro opened the port of Mariel to allow 125,000 people to emigrate.

That agreement touched off prisoner revolts and hostage-taking at two U.S. institutions where the Cubans were being held. The uprisings ended only after Attorney General Edwin Meese 3d pledged that no Cuban would be sent home without a thorough review of each case.

## Philippines Army Says It Averted Plot in Manila to Disrupt Election

MANILA — The Philippine military said Tuesday that it had uncovered and averted a rightist plot to disrupt voting in Manila during regional elections.

While the actual voting took place without widespread violence, Brigadier General Alexander Aguirre, the armed forces commander for Manila, said his forces uncovered a conspiracy to disrupt the election in the Manila area. He said Reynaldo Cabanatan, a former army colonel, and a group of renegade soldiers were involved in the plot.

Partial returns available from 33 provinces and compiled by the government news agency and private media showed Mrs. Aquino's coalition leading in 20 gubernatorial and 16 vice-gubernatorial races.

They included Roy Padilla Jr., a last-minute coalition candidate for governor in Luzon's Camarines Norte Province. He stepped in for his father, who was shot to death hours before polls opened.

In Quezon City on the outskirts of the capital, Mrs. Aquino's sister-in-law, Mila Aquino-Albert, was in third place in the mayoral race. Her cousin, Vic Sumbulong, was far behind in the contest for governor of Rizal province, north of Manila.

Political analysts said the poor showing was a public backlash after charges that her family was seeking to establish a political dynasty reminiscent of the one created by Mr. Marcos.

In Mr. Marcos's home province of Ilocos Norte, Rolando Abadilla, a former colonel who is on trial for a 1986 coup attempt, was leading in the vice-gubernatorial race. It was the only area where Marcos allies showed any strength. The apparent winner in the race for governor was Rodolfo Farinas, a Marcos supporter who was once a member of Mr. Marcos's party, the New Society Movement.

Details of the accord were approved at a meeting of Cuban and U.S. diplomats in Mexico last week, the officials said Monday. It remains unclear why the Cubans have relaxed their policy, but U.S. officials speculated that President Fidel Castro is seeking to expel political opponents through emigration; a tactic he has previously used as an outlet for dissent.

Partial returns from the vote, meanwhile, showed that candidates supporting the government of President Corason C. Aquino were faring better in the countryside than in the capital.

Election analysts said it appeared likely that Mrs. Aquino's loose coalition would gain a comfortable majority across the country, increasing its control of Congress.

The armed forces chief, General Fidel V. Ramos, called the election "the missing link in our entire machinery to fight the insurgency and lawlessness in our society."

Colombian Cabanatan was a leader of the July 1986 takeover of the Manila Hotel in a failed bid to install Arturo Tolentino as acting president. The rebels surrendered after 38 hours.

In the February 1986 elections Mr. Tolentino was the running mate of the former president, Ferdinand E. Marcos. Mr. Marcos was

## High Court Rejects Appeal by North

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused on Tuesday to hear an appeal from Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North, who is seeking to stop an independent prosecutor's investigation into his role in the Iran-contra affair.

The subpoena was issued by a grand jury overseen by Lawrence E. Walsh, the independent counsel who is investigating the affair.

Attorneys for Colonel North had contended that Mr. Walsh lacked legal authority to conduct a criminal investigation.

Colonel North was dismissed from his National Security Council post over his involvement in arms sales to Iran and the diversion of profits to the Nicaraguan rebels.

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INTERNATIONAL Herald Tribune

Curiouser and Curiouser

Alice found Wonderland curiouser and curiouser. Spectators find West Germany's intriguing economic policies hard to reconcile with the facts of the world today...

Unemployment, already high, is rising. In such circumstances, most countries would try to stimulate home demand, particularly if — as in West Germany — inflation is very low and the foreign balance comfortably in surplus...

What Haitians Want Is to Do It Themselves

By Jonathan Power

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Time and time again, in the dusty streets of Port-au-Prince, in the Marché du Fer, where the buyer can find everything from conflatex to motorbikes...

Yet, inevitably, as the army lurches about, stealing votes and violently intimidating the opposition, the cry goes up for outsiders to step in and do what Haitians apparently cannot do.

A remarkable element in this election has been the freedom of the press. Every day, the local media have reported the vicissitudes and conflicts of the electoral campaign fairly and at length.

So Quiet You Could Hear A Jaw Drop

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — The pair of political debates last weekend — the Democrats in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Republicans in Hanover, New Hampshire — proved once again that silence is golden.

Asian Money's on America to Run a Strong Race

By Joel Kotkin and Yoriko Kishimoto

WASHINGTON — Many Japanese, even with their huge trade surpluses, and great financial resources, still regard American carping as something akin to the whining of a spoiled brat.

With the exception of a few decades after each world war, America has remained a major capital importer. Periods of heaviest foreign investment usually coincided with dynamic expansion, particularly in the late 19th and early 20th centuries when American industrial prowess overcame that of European competitors.

As their first choice for expansion — far ahead of second-place West Germany (9 percent) and Asia. Even investors from the fastest growing economies in the world, the industrializing countries of Asia, are voting American with their dollars.

Taiwan is also becoming a major source of U.S. investment capital. In the last few years its business elite has been pouring resources, sometimes in direct violation of explicit government controls, into hotels, shopping malls and small industrial enterprises.

Eyes on the Sandinists

Hear the Presidents

Central America's five presidents made a bold decision last weekend. Their plan called for Nicaragua and the United States to take simultaneous steps toward peace.

the Nobel Peace Prize, he pleaded, cajoled, joked, chided and reasoned to keep the plan alive. No one wants to be blamed for killing it.

Perhaps nothing so illustrates the fundamental strength of the American economy as the flood of foreign investment pouring in from Asia and Western Europe.

After several decades of American capital flight to other parts of the world, the process is now repeating itself. Faced with declining populations, high unemployment and anemic economic growth, European investors again consider the United States a good economic bet.

With more than \$60 billion in U.S. dollar reserves, the second-largest such dollar hoard in the world —



Say Yes to a North American Success

By Lansing Lamont

NEW YORK — The Canada-United States free trade agreement signed on Jan. 2 by Ronald Reagan and Brian Mulroney is the most far-reaching such agreement ever negotiated by the U.S. Congress and Canada's Parliament.

After March 1985, when President Reagan and Prime Minister Mulroney pledged their governments to reach a treaty liberalizing the \$150 billion two-way trade in goods and services, the negotiating route was uphill all the way.

The accord would eliminate all tariffs over the next 10 years, liberalize trade in agriculture, simplify customs procedures, improve access to each other's energy supply and market, and discrimination in services as well as most restrictions on investment.

A Fateful Reprieve

A reprieve has been granted to Central America's plan for peace and democracy, and it makes possible, though not certain, a result that had come to seem increasingly dim.

armed challengers partners in power sharing, but only to open the way for the challengers to join the political process, which, although it is held by the plan to certain higher standards, will still be run by the government.

Terror's Grip on Colombia Will Have to Be Smashed

By Peter B. Bensinger

CHICAGO — Terrorism's grip on the judiciary in Colombia must be broken. Terrorism flouts the good intentions of President Virgilio Barco Vargas, sets free that country's biggest drug dealer, Jorge Luis Ochoa, and destroys bilateral cooperation on drugs.

run into the billions of dollars? What has happened in the Western Hemisphere? A Mexican national arrested and indicted more than a year ago for murdering Enrique Camarena Salazar, an agent of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, has still not been brought to trial.

Other Comment

Blackmailers in Argentina

There were, and perhaps still are, two ways in which President Raúl Alfonsín could deal with the revolting military officers who have been the bane of Argentina for half a century and once again threaten the country's fragile democracy.

alternative can only be to concede nothing on the assumption that no matter what is done to try to please these arrogant elitists who swore to serve the state but constantly plot to master it, they will never be satisfied.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1888: A Jobber Jobbed

LONDON — An enterprising young jobber in the mining market was the victim of a rather good though unkind joke. A friendly jobber advised him to purchase shares in a certain mine, this mine only existing in the friendly jobber's imagination.

1913: Buffalo Nickel

WASHINGTON — The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. MacVeagh, has approved the design of a new five-cent piece by J.E. Frazer, of New York.

lasting practically the same composition of metal as the present one. It will bear the word "Liberty" and the date of coinage on one side; instead of a female Liberty head, as on the present coin. On the opposite side will appear the figure of a buffalo and the words "Five Cents," instead of the laurel wreath and letter "Y."

1938: Barcelona Attack

BARCELONA — More than 100 persons, many of them women and children, were killed today (Jan. 19) when Barcelona and Valencia were subjected to the dead-end air bombardment directed upon them since the beginning of the civil war, according to reports estimated about 300 dead, but they could not be confirmed. Valencia was raided three times. Early reports said that 14 had been killed and 80 wounded there. The planes appeared over Barcelona shortly after noon. For nearly an hour, bombs were falling every few minutes.

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OPINION

The Soviet Inspector of Prisons Is Lying

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — And now let us turn our attention to Ivan Rakhmanin, an inspector of prisons in the Soviet Union, and to the letter he wrote to The New York Times on instructions from the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

ON MY MIND

...with efficiency for seven decades, is to punish and suppress political dissidents with long, brutal incarceration.

But his letter is important. To the best of the knowledge of the Helsinki Watch Committee of the United States, which monitors human rights agreements signed by the Soviet Union, it is the first time a Soviet official has responded publicly to specific charges about political prisoners in Soviet labor camps.

Mr. Rakhmanin was instructed to reply to a column by this writer that appeared in The New York Times last April 23 (NYT, April 24). His letter passed through superiors, was mailed from Moscow on Dec. 1 and printed in The Times on Dec. 26. Since then it has been the subject of detailed examination and discussion among Soviet dissidents in America and abroad and among specialists on Soviet affairs in Washington and Europe.

The column dealt with the political prisoners in Perm 36-1, who were sent to this most notorious of camps to be locked up for years—sometimes more than a quarter of a century. Their offense was to write, utter or translate statements, essays or poems considered "anti-Soviet propaganda."

The column was about matters labeled top secret in the Soviet Union: food starvation rations, special "interrogations," hard labor, solitary confinements, repeated sentences, deaths. It listed the prisoners, gave the prison address and suggested sending letters as acts of remembrance and hope.

Soviet exiles and specialists believe the fact that Moscow decided to reply shows that paying attention—the plea of prisoners everywhere—can sometimes have impact, particularly at moments when the jailer's bosses are striving for international respectability.

But they are saddened that the letter sent at the orders of the leaders of the Soviet Communist Party is a pack of lies. It describes Perm 36-1 as a place where labor is not even arduous, prisoners live in nice big cells and have television, radio, books and magazine subscriptions. As for food, Mr. Rakhmanin writes that he himself, personally, asked the prisoners if they had any complaints; not one spoke up.

And he wants the world to know that some of the prisoners listed in the column actually had been pardoned!

Point-by-point refutations have come in from Helsinki Watch; from the Soviet exiles' Center for Democracy and in letters from former prisoners and their families now out of the Soviet Union.

One witness after another tells of solitary confinement lasting for months or years, about being cut off from family visits or mail, about being fed every other day, about rotten and meager food, about guards handing out food-deprivation punishments time after time to weary prisoners who do not fill labor quotas.

I think even the most trusting of Americans have little difficulty making the choice between the word of the victims and of their persecutors. For those who might, a few items:

1. The inspector triumphantly lists some pardoned prisoners. He does not say that most were pardoned after the column appeared and often only days before the expiration of their sentences, which had lasted a decade or more.

2. The inspector says some prisoners were guilty of robbery and rape. But the truth is that all were imprisoned in Perm 36-1 only for anti-Soviet activity.

3. Suddenly and unannounced, Perm 36-1 was closed on Dec. 8, according to information I have received and trust. Moscow can keep its ban on any foreigner's inspection; nothing left to inspect.

The prisoners have been moved to another camp in the Urals, 60 miles (about 95 kilometers) away. Nothing has changed. Mari-Olav Nikkus and Ivan Sokulsky still sit in solitary confinement. Grigori Pikhodko has virulent tuberculosis, endangering his three cellmates.

The exact address of the new site of suffering, Camp VS-389-35, is unknown. But letters can be sent care of Mikhail Gorbachev or the Central Committee, Kremlin, Moscow.

There are prisoners in other jails, of course. Sarkis Ogaszanyan, sentenced for being a member of Hare Krishna, died in a camp at the age of 23 on Dec. 26. That was the day The Times published the letter from Ivan Rakhmanin, inspector of Soviet jails.

The New York Times.



He'd Better Twitch Fast

By Joe Murray

LUFKIN, Texas — Everybody probably knew it but me: President Reagan has a food taster.

I found out by reading the news story about the president suffering nausea and vomiting on the night before his meeting with Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita of Japan; which, I suppose, is neither here nor there. Hardly anything I read surprises me much anymore. But the last paragraph was the exception: "As a security measure, Reagan's food is routinely tasted by an aide, Marlin Fitzwater [the White House spokesman] said he did not know if the taster had also become ill."

MEANWHILE

Who holds the office of Presidential Food Taster? Does the White House have a photo of him we can run in the paper? I imagine somebody a lot like the loyal but cowardly Don Knotts on the old Steve Allen Show. "Are you nervous, food taster?" the president might ask. "Nope!" he would reply, his eyes bulging.

How much does it cost the taxpayers for Mr. Reagan to have a food taster? What's his salary? Are meals included?

After the food is tasted, how long does Mr. Reagan have to wait until he figures it is safe to dig in? Five minutes? Ten minutes? Is there a Presidential Food Taster whose job it is to notice if the food taster suddenly starts twitching?

How does the food taster proceed? I can picture him leaning over Mr. Reagan at a state dinner, sawing off a hunk of steak, chewing it, smacking his lips and then winking at the president and making the O.K. sign with thumb and forefinger. (Incidentally, while he's at it, does he ever just go ahead and cut up the president's meat for him?)

Wouldn't it be simpler and cheaper for Mr. Reagan to have a dog, one he isn't particularly attached to?

Does George Bush have a food taster? Or, now that I think about it, is George Bush the president's food taster? Is it just me or does George Bush sometimes remind you of Don Knotts?

When the president wants a midnight snack, does he wake up the food taster to go with him to the refrigerator? Is the food taster paid overtime for this?

Couldn't we find somebody who could be trusted to prepare the president's meals? How about Ollie North? He seems perfect for the job. He said if the president ever ordered him to go stand on his head in the corner, he would salute sharply and reply, "Yes, sir!" Surely, he wouldn't mind if Mr. Reagan asked him to go into the kitchen and make his president a ham sandwich.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There's Room for Shakespeare and for Westerns, Too

Regarding "When 'Relevant Literature' Means Neglected Also-Rans" (Meanwhile, Jan. 14) by Jonathan Yardley:

As a recent graduate of one of the morally bankrupt, "fascist" U.S. English departments attacked by Mr. Yardley, I must disagree with his assertion that what goes on among American academic literary critics today is "balderdash." Many college professors are indeed rethinking what constitutes "literature," as they have been doing for some 40 years, but not, as Mr. Yardley says, solely because all the "really good subjects for study" have been taken.

Attempts to broaden the canon stem first from an awareness that standards are culturally determined, that what some people take to be "vigor" and "grace" may be quite other things to other people. Critics are also re-evaluating the very purpose of studying literature. Certainly no one wants to banish Shakespeare or Melville, certainly literary "quality" is still important, but so is what a literary work can tell us about the culture in which it was produced; and Gothic novels, Westerns and detective stories (Melville wrote a few himself) all have a good deal to say on this subject.

Deconstruction and semiotics are not restrictive and restrictive ways to look at literature, but broadening ones. When applied in good faith, as I believe they are in many English departments in America, they provide new and often important ways of understanding writing and the world that produces it. Surely Mr. Yardley cannot object to that.

AMELIA A. ZURCHER, Oxford, England.

Mr. Yardley sees the revisionist trend as part of a continuing struggle by "careerists and schemers" bent on revenge against the academic establishment. In legitimizing writers heretofore regarded as lacking aesthetic qualities, these "vigilantes of the English departments" promote their careers as part of a "hidden agenda": getting even with the established academic cloisters, which "reposed with outrage to the crosses of the '60s" by denying tenure to these "young turks."

On Safire and King Hussein

Regarding "Palestinians Are Pawns in a Royal Power Game" (Jan. 14):

William Safire, in blaming King Hussein for the loss of Palestinian lives in the past month, tries to conceal the facts apparent to any observer.

It is the Israelis, along with the Reagan administration, who have blocked the peace process. For years, King Hussein has been arguing that the only means available to secure a just and lasting peace would be an international

peace conference including the Palestinians, as well as the five permanent United Nations Security Council members, who would guarantee the results.

Clearly a Jordanian-Israeli meeting on the fringes of the superpower summit meeting was not a sufficient means.

Mr. Safire fails to recognize that the problem centers on the national rights of the Palestinians. It is a problem of a people and of a land. Such a realization on King Hussein's part is what prevents him from taking the impulsive and rash steps advised by Mr. Safire.

BASSEM AWADALLAH, London.

Does Mr. Safire believe that he can make the Israelis' conduct appear any better by insulting a highly esteemed head of state known for his intelligence, courage and integrity? Mocking King Hussein for his shortness is a cheap shot. Yitzhak Shamir is hardly any taller, but surely the International Herald Tribune would never tolerate such a slur against the Israeli prime minister.

Shame on you, Mr. Safire. Perhaps you should stick to your more informative column on etymology. I suggest you devote your next column to expressions such as argumentum ad hominem.

LINDA C. MacCONNELL, Abu Dhabi.

One wonders what Mr. Safire is exercised about. Isn't absorption of the West Bank into Jordan precisely what he and Israeli hawks have always had in mind? Or is the absorption of the people, not the land, their game plan? It has never been King Hussein's intention to commit hara-kiri by presiding over the establishment of a Palestinian state in his kingdom, so let's scotch that canard.

To turn around Mr. Safire's curious assumption that King Hussein has a

The Windscale "affair" demonstrates again that nuclear fission is an inherently undemocratic source of power, the dangers of which give rise to levels of control and secrecy that prevent effective public oversight and debate, East and West.

This spring will mark the second anniversary of the beginning of the Chernobyl accident (nuclear accidents are never really over), and the ninth of the accident at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania. Currently a scandal over transport and sham treatment of radioactive waste is shaking the West German nuclear industry.

The combined effects of citizen activism against nuclear power and for safe alternatives, plus the accidents and scandals themselves, have shifted public opinion in many countries against nuclear power. Which government will be the first to plan the rapid phase-out of atomic energy? How many accidents, opinion polls and votes will it take to force the change that has to happen?

ANNA GYORGY, Bonn.

Unmentionable Genocide

My thanks to Anthony Lewis for recalling that "Americans were aroused by the Turkish massacres of Armenians in 1915." ("The Helsinki Watchers Aren't Forgotten," Jan. 5.) But when will officials of the Reagan administration acknowledge the genocide of 1915?

K.D. GHOUGASSIAN, Buenos Aires.

How Many Chernobyls?

Your coverage of the Windscale cover-up ("U.K. Hid Details of Nuclear Fire in 1950s," Jan. 2) was important. Had the British known then what was revealed a generation later they might have resisted their government's rush to join the nuclear club of reactor and bomb builders.

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Little wonder they don't build cars like they used to. Building a pen is difficult enough.

Oh, the elegant lines of the 1925 Hispano Suiza. Oh, the elegant lines of the 1927 Parker Duofold. The car may no longer be available but happily the pen is making a welcome return. We have long yearned to recreate this favourite Parker design. And our approaching centenary has provided a suitable excuse. Like today's top cars the Parker Duofold Centennial boasts working parts that are 'state-of-the-art.' But unlike them, it boasts workmanship that is somewhat old fashioned. Rather than mould the cap and barrel 'en masse,' we machine them as we did in the old days, from a solid block. Rather than cut the nib from some modern metal, we stay true to gold. Rather than slit the nib on some new fangled contraption, we still do the job by hand, using a blade no thicker than a human hair. And just as Hispano Suiza road tested its cars thoroughly after manufacture, we put our pens through their paces. Upon completion, each Duofold Centennial is examined by a white gloved inspector. If deemed perfect, it is filled, written with and cleaned before being released for sale. It is an exhausting way to produce a pen. But, as with the Hispano Suiza, the looks and handling provide ample reward.



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Barcelona — More than 100,000 people gathered in the city square for a demonstration against the government's proposed changes to the constitution.

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Five Musketeers Of Jazz History

By Mike Zwerin. ARCEUIL, France — The theater on a cut-de-sec in this working class suburb of Paris was filled with giggling schoolchildren watching a musical play called "Joueurs de Jazz" (Jazz Players) performed by the quintet Arcane V...



Philippe Gumplowicz of Arcane V: A swinging historian.

comic book — "Tintin in the Congo, you know, 'Arcane V in Jazzland.' It's an adventure story about five musketeers of jazz." Ten years ago, when Arcane V was formed, Gumplowicz began to research and write a history documenting 150 years of music made by amateur French musicians...

Coward's Woman With a Past

By Sheridan Morley. LONDON — Written in 1924, premiered on Broadway a year later with Jane Cowl, first seen in London in 1926 and filmed by Hitchcock a year after that, Noel Coward's "Easy Virtue" has since then been virtually out of sight. All credit therefore to Dan Crawford.



Jane How and Eric Carte in a scene from "Easy Virtue," by Noel Coward, at the King's Head.

THE BRITISH STAGE manager of the King's Head in Islington, that, on a stage barely 10 feet square (about 10 square meters), he brings together a cast of 18 as continuing evidence of his fascination with the less familiar areas of Coward's diverse and everlasting talent to amuse and indeed, sometimes, abuse.

married to a highly unsuitable older woman, dripping diamonds and pearls and previous marriages, and moreover, once involved in a scandalous suicide. The twist is that on this occasion the woman with a past turns out to be far and away the most kind, articulate, generous, sympathetic and lovable character on stage.

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Misadventures of Best Sellers

NEW YORK — What happened to two current books offers insight into how U.S. book publishing's marketing, printing and distribution systems work, revealing some of their shortcomings and showing why — in the words of Cleveland Amory — "Even an author who should be thrilled about a best seller winds up dissatisfied."

Misadventures of Best Sellers

short in some places," said Joni Evans, the head of Random House. "In Los Angeles we were caught without stock for two, three days." Amory's book, a self-styled curmudgeon's memoirs of a cat, will soon have 240,000 copies in print, after a first printing of 50,000. Despite those numbers, Amory described the experience as the worst of his publishing career.

Table with 4 columns: NYSE Most Actives, Market Sales, NYSE Index, AMEX Diary. Includes various stock market data points.

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NYSE Falls on Trade Data, IBM. NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange ended sharply lower Tuesday after the market lost a day-long battle to cut early losses tied to IBM earnings and disturbing trade news.

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MADISON AVENUE

European American Bank: Back to Long Island Roots

By PHILIP H. DOUGHERTY

NEW YORK — European American Bank, which is doing its own advertising, felt that its name didn't go with the image it wanted. It doesn't really sound like Long Island's leading bank.

EAB was formerly Franklin National Bank. After it failed in 1974 it was acquired by a consortium of six European banks: Deutsche Bank AG of West Germany, Générale de Banque of Belgium, Société Générale of France, Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank NV of the Netherlands, Creditanstalt-Bankverein of Austria and Midland Bank PLC of Britain.

The bank's name is changing to EAB; its advertising campaign focuses on the island.

Arnold Bickford has created 24 commercials. They will be running on all the cable television systems on Long Island, reaching 520,000 households, 62 percent of the population.

The commercials offer a scenic tour of the island, from the fashionably togged horseback riders in St. James to a farmer tending his tractor in Jamesport, from a fishing trawler in Montauk to a spiral staircase in the Eatons Neck Point lighthouse; from an annual duck pond in Brightwaters to the lonely surf at Rocky Beach. Peter Arnell, 29, the creative director, calls it a "celebration of Long Island."

And there is no voice-over, no music. The sounds are the bark of a dog, the moo of a cow, the screech of a gull. Nothing is said about the product, the bank.

After the travogue the screen goes black with only the name of the place, which is then replaced with the line "Where you belong," followed by "EAB. The bank for Long Islanders."

SOME of the bank's 65-odd branches are in Manhattan, but research shows that 80 percent of the Manhattan customers live on Long Island.

A second phase of the television campaign follows the same kind of pictorial format except that the voice-over is that of a real bank worker, selected by fellow employees, narrating a real-life incident.

Peter Arnell says he seeks truth in advertising and does it by using journalistic techniques rather than advertising ones: real people, not actors; real locations, not sets. He said he also believes strongly in advertising that doesn't necessarily present a product, but rather an environment in which the product can live.

Waring & LaRosa, of the Omnicom Group, is the new ad agency for the Montblanc line of premium writing instruments from West Germany.

The assignment was made by Koh-I-Noor Rapidgraph of Bloomsbury, New Jersey, the U.S. marketer, which formerly did its own advertising for Montblanc. The products, which include fountain pens, are made in Hamburg by Montblanc-Simplo GmbH.

People

Simon Mellor, corporate development director at Saatchi & Saatchi, has been named to the additional post of deputy chief executive of the communications group.

Thomas W. Rost has returned to Ogilvy & Mather as senior vice president, creative director.

Raymond Boyce has been appointed senior vice president, corporate relations, at Viacom International.

Currency Rates

Table with columns for Country, Currency, and Rate. Includes entries for Amsterdam, London, Frankfurt, and others.

Interest Rates

Table with columns for Currency, Term, and Rate. Includes entries for Eurocurrency deposits and U.S. money market funds.

Gold

Table with columns for Location and Price. Includes entries for Hong Kong, London, Zurich, and New York.



Robots welding automobile bodies at General Motors Corp.'s Detroit-Hamtramck assembly plant. Although GM has cut production capacity, it is pumping millions into advanced technology.

Fear of Building Grips U.S. Industry

Lack of New Plants Risks Undercutting Export Efforts

By Louis Uchitelle

NEW YORK — American industry is showing an unusual reluctance to build new factories, even though a growing number of companies are hard pressed to meet a rising demand for their products at home and abroad, according to economists and Commerce Department statisticians.

This reluctance to expand worries some economists, who fear that U.S. corporations might be passing up the opportunity presented by the lower dollar to take business away from foreign competitors.

In addition, the trend raises the danger of higher inflation developing in a year or two, if orders outstrip the ability of the nation's factories to meet that demand.

Manufacturers of paper, chemicals, copper and some electronics products are already operating above 85 percent of capacity, which is considered a very high level. American industry as a whole was using 82.1 percent of its capacity in December, the highest rate since

March 1980 and an increase from 82 percent in November.

Paul Krugman, an economist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said, "Although the

manufacturing sector has been improving its productivity, it is hard to believe that manufacturers can get the additional output that they need to meet demand without increasing capacity."

Indeed, the emphasis at many companies is on improving the productivity of existing operations by installing new, efficient machinery — and not on building new factories. This explains why corporate investment in equipment is strong but the net outlay for new factories has fallen in the past two years to the lowest level since 1952, according to the Commerce Department.

Gillette Co. is a case in point. With sales rising, Gillette is pushing the production limits of its South Boston factory that makes plastic safety razors. Rather than build a new plant, Gillette has installed automated, high-tech machinery to squeeze more volume from the existing building.

Union Camp Corp. is also reluctant to build expensive new factories, although the paper industry

Operating Rate Up in Month

WASHINGTON — U.S. factories, mines and utilities operated at 82.1 percent of capacity in December, the highest rate since March 1980, the Federal Reserve Board said Tuesday.

The December rate represented an increase from a revised 82 percent in November. Previously, the Fed had reported November's rate at 81.7 percent. The rate in March 1980 was 83.7 percent.

December's slight increase reflected widespread gains within non-durable manufacturing and mining that were partly offset by a lower use rate for durables manufacturing and for utilities, the Fed said.

The overall rate of manufacturing capacity use eased to 82.2 percent in December from 82.3 percent in November. Durables manufacturers' use rate declined to 79.8 percent in December from 80.1 percent in November but non-durables manufacturers were up to an 85.8 percent rate from 85.5 percent.

The Fed noted that the major change in manufacturing capacity use occurred among automakers, where a drop in car assemblies lowered the auto industry operating rate to 63.9 percent in December from 70.2 percent in November.

The operating rate has made steady gains in the last year, reflecting increasing export sales brought about by the fall in the dollar's value.

IBM Profit Jumped 50% in Quarter

But Stock Falls Because Special Factors Aided Net's Rise

NEW YORK — International Business Machines Corp. said Tuesday that profit in the fourth quarter jumped 50 percent, but the company's stock price fell sharply because of concerns that the increase was aided by a low tax rate.

IBM shares dropped by 36 to close at \$111.75 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The world's biggest computer maker reported net income of \$2.09 billion, or \$3.47 a share, in the quarter ended Dec. 31. That was higher than the \$1.39 billion, or \$2.28 a share, in the corresponding period of 1986.

De Benedetti to Limit Générale Stake to 25%

But Will Seek A Decisive Influence

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BRUSSELS — The Italian financier Carlo de Benedetti said Tuesday that he was not trying to take over Société Générale de Belgique and would limit his stake to 25 percent. But he said he wanted a decisive influence over the big holding company's affairs.

Finance Minister Mark Eyskens, with whom Mr. de Benedetti had an hour-long meeting Tuesday, said the government had agreed to allow Mr. de Benedetti to raise his interest in Belgium's largest company to as much as 25 percent.

In another development, Société Générale's defense against a bid suffered a blow overnight when a Brussels court temporarily blocked its plan to increase its capital by 57 percent and issue the new shares to friendly buyers.

Mr. de Benedetti, the chairman of Olivetti SpA, had sought the temporary injunction on the ground that Société Générale's move allegedly contravened Belgian banking rules.

Mr. de Benedetti's visit to Brussels followed his disclosure Monday that he had bought 18.6 percent of Société Générale and planned a public bid for more shares in the commercial, industrial and bank holding company.

After meeting Mr. Eyskens, Mr. de Benedetti said, "We never said we wanted to take control of the company. We have said we want to be the predominant shareholder with a position of control, which is completely different."

"The way in which we are going to exercise our position as predominant shareholder is going to be the fixing of the strategic objectives of the company and the choice of top management," he said.

He said he would reduce his stake to below 25 percent after the public offer if that were needed.

Mr. Eyskens said after the meeting that he welcomed what he called the cooperative approach of Mr. de Benedetti.

René Lamy, chairman of Société Générale, said Monday that Mr. de Benedetti was seeking another 15 percent through the public offer. The price was not disclosed.

In a radio interview Tuesday, Mr. Lamy said that if Mr. de Benedetti wanted to take control of Générale, "he will always have against him a blocking minority."

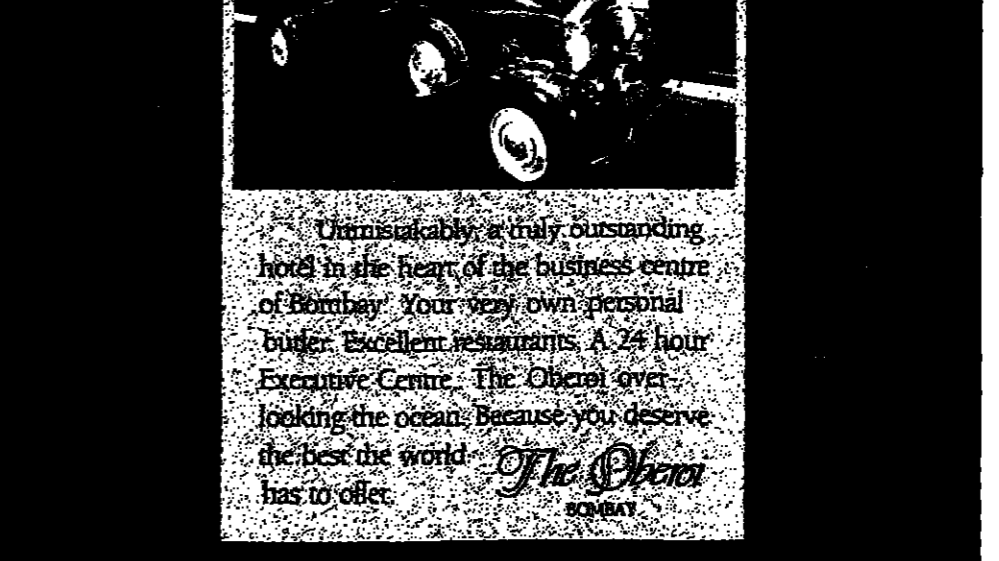
"The reverse is also true," he said. "If he keeps 25 percent he will block certain developments."

Communication to the shareholders of Diners Club Middle East SA, Panama

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hoffmann Raises Sterling Drug Bid

NEW YORK — F. Hoffmann-La Roche & Co. has raised its bid for Sterling Drug Inc. to \$4.43 billion, hours after the New York company said it was rejecting the drug giant's overtures and asking for another suit.

Share Price of 110 Francs Is Fixed for Matra Sell-Off

PARIS — The French Finance Ministry said Tuesday that the state's 51 percent stake in defense and telecommunications group Matra S.A. would be sold to the public, beginning Wednesday, at 110 francs a share.

Swedish Group to Buy France's Peaudouce

PARIS — The Swedish forest products group Svenska Cellulosa AB said Tuesday that it had agreed to buy France's leading disposable diaper company, Peaudouce, for 1.96 billion francs (\$337 million).

Volvo Likely to Report Flat Profit for '87, Analysts Say

STOCKHOLM — Volvo AB is likely to report flat profit for 1987 in its preliminary results Wednesday, but long-term prospects are bleaker, according to analysts.

GM Plans to Drop 2 Subcompacts, Close a Plant

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. said Tuesday that it is dropping its Oldsmobile Firenza and Cadillac Cimarron subcompact models at the end of the 1988 model year because of slow sales.

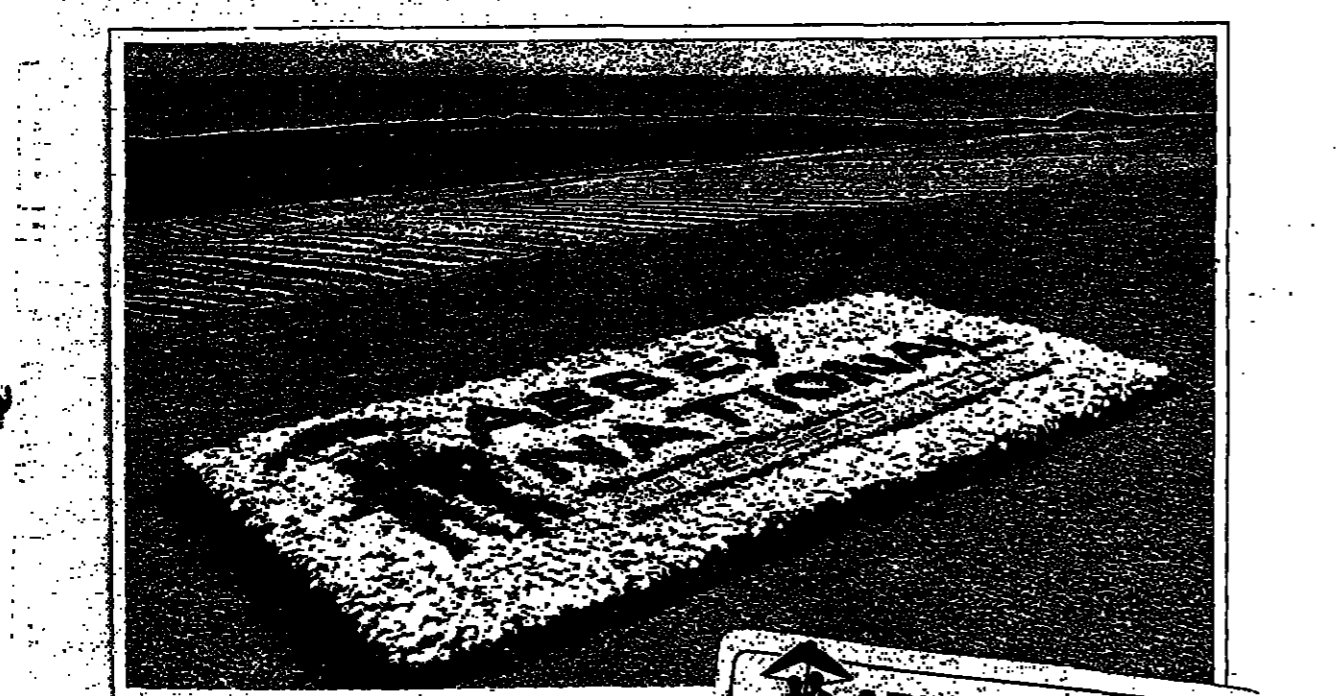
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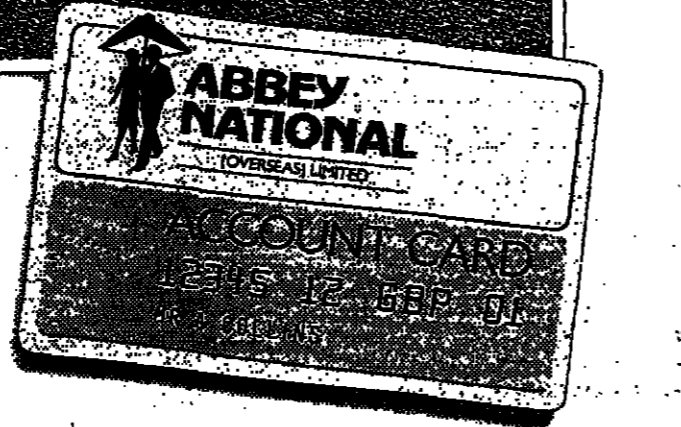
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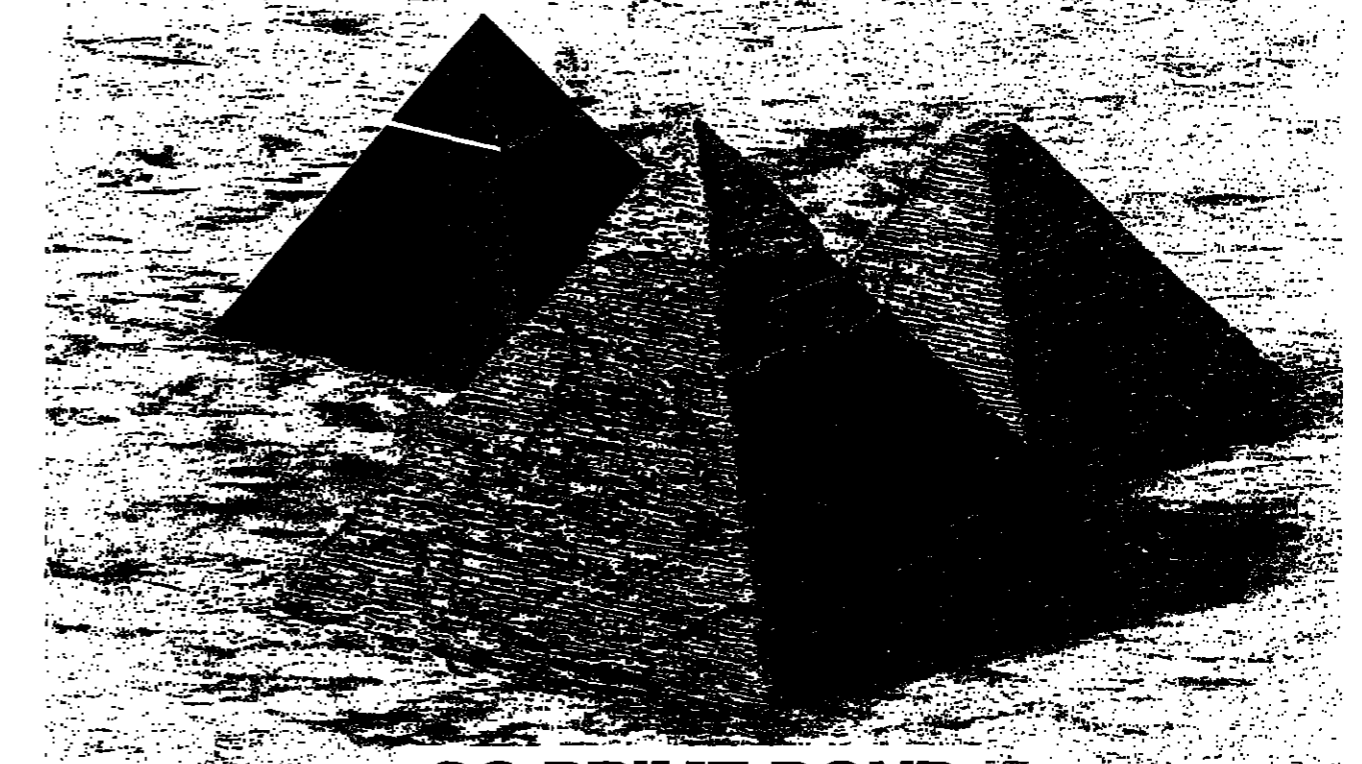


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### Tuesday's AMEX Closing

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### Yugo to Polish Image With Warranty Plan

DETROIT — Yugo America Inc. has said it will introduce a 12-month, 120,000-mile total repair and maintenance plan for all of its 1988 model cars as part of a campaign to enhance its image.

William Prior, president of the New Jersey-based, privately held import company, also said Monday that a plan for a public stock offering had been delayed. He said the plan might be shelved if it is determined that going public would infringe on management's flexibility in changing its business plans.

Mr. Prior said the company generated revenue of \$270 million in 1987, including \$20 million in sales of parts to dealers. Yugo sold about 49,000 cars.

He said Yugo was willing to accept smaller profit margins to overcome an image that its car is a "cheap, disposable product." The new warranty program would cost "a good bit over \$10 million," or "approximately \$300 a car" for the 70,000 cars Yugo hopes to sell in 1988, he added.

Mr. Prior said that Yugo also intends to double its advertising budget in 1988, to about \$48 million from about \$24 million in 1987.

### AMEX Highs-Lows

NEW HIGHS	NEW LOWS
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### Fat Substitute Is Reportedly Set

New York Times Service

CHICAGO — Nutrasweet Co. is planning to announce the development of a fat substitute that could reduce calories and cholesterol in many foods, according to a report published in Crain's Chicago Business, a weekly publication.

Nutrasweet, a subsidiary of Monsanto Co., declined to comment on the report. But a company spokesman said Nutrasweet had scheduled a news conference in New York on Jan. 27 to announce a "revolution in food."

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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Drifts Lower After Japan Data

NEW YORK — The dollar edged lower Tuesday after a Japanese trade report... The dollar also lost ground against the British pound...

London Dollar Rates table with columns for currency, rate, and change.

In London, the dollar closed at 1.6745 DM, down from 1.6818 DM Monday's close...

Reserves Cut By Bundesbank

FRANKFURT — The central bank said Tuesday that it had cut the value of its foreign currency reserves by about 7 billion Deutsche marks...

FACTORIES: Demand Is Rising, but U.S. Industry Hesitates to Expand

(Continued from first finance page) But two experiences in the 1980s caused that optimism to disappear: the severe recession of the early 1980s...

As a result, the horizons of the American executive seem to have narrowed. "Deep down, he finally realizes that the world in which he competes he cannot dominate..."

The third reason, the one that many executives call the most important, involves the level of return on the huge amounts required to build and equip new factories...

To be sure, not everyone is holding back. The semiconductor and telephone industries are expanding for example...

Some economists worry that U.S. corporations may be passing up the chance presented by the lower dollar to beat out foreign competitors.

That realization is reflected in the pessimistic comments of many executives. "We are in a period of strong demand for the appliances we make, but it cannot be sustained..."

Another reason is the widely held view that a recession awaits the U.S. economy. If companies were to plunge into expansion, they did in the late 1970s...

Without accounting for depreciation, the investment in new plants and buildings fell to an annual rate of about \$123 billion through the third quarter of 1987...

BANKS: Citicorp Has Higher Net in Period, Loss in Year

(Continued from first finance page) Citicorp reported a fourth quarter net profit of \$1.1 billion, up from \$1.0 billion in the third quarter...

J.P. Morgan said its net profit in the fourth quarter rose 17.9 percent to \$224.1 million, or \$1.21 a share...

Wells Fargo said that the loan loss provision for 1987 was \$892 million, compared with \$361.7 million in the previous year.

Tuesday's OTC Prices. NASDAQ prices on a p.m. New York time. This list, compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar volume.

Large table of OTC stock prices with columns for stock name, price, and change.

Table of stock prices for various companies, including IBM, AT&T, and others.

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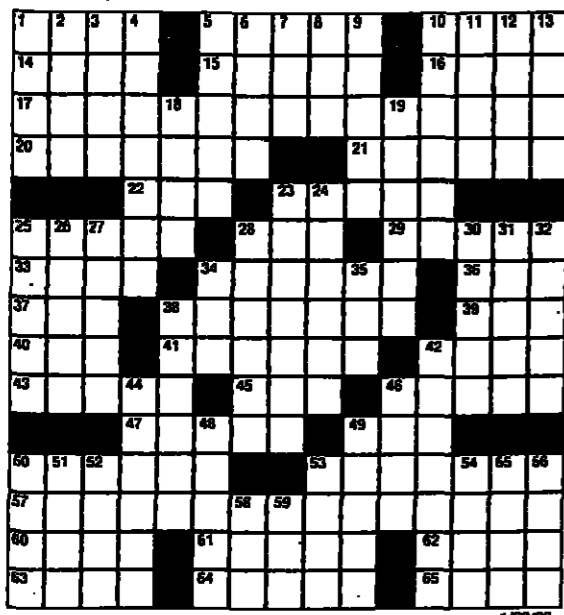
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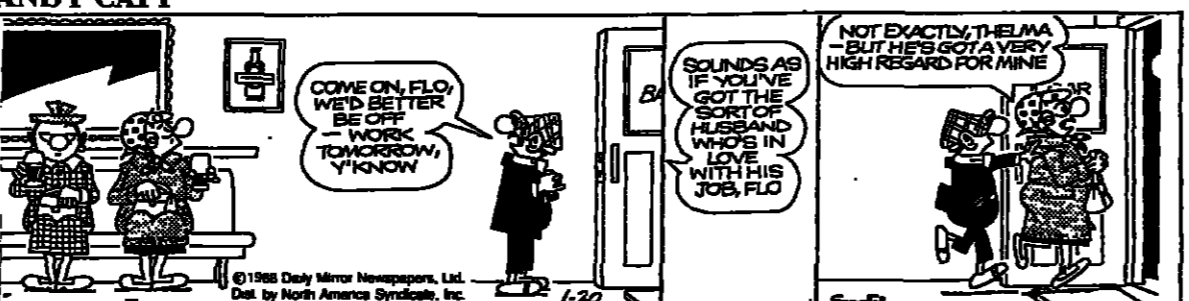
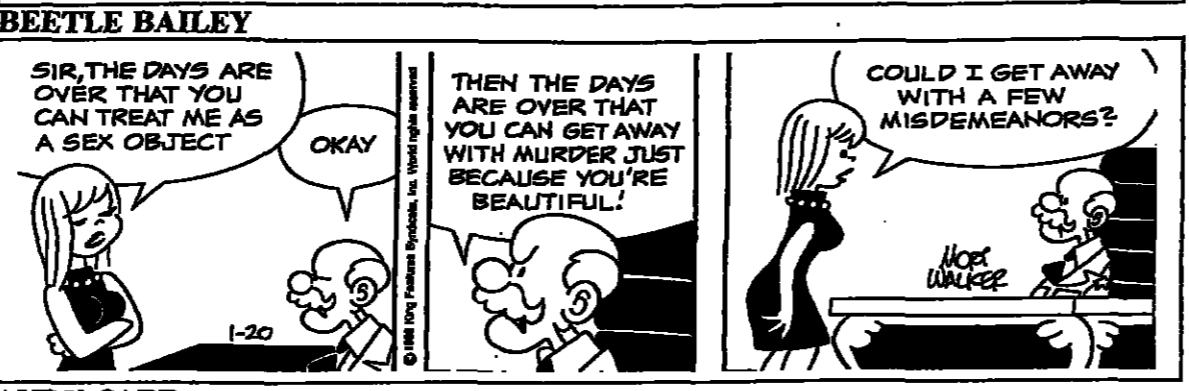
\*MOM WANTS ME TO BE A LAWYER, BUT FIREMEN WEAR BETTER HATS!

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee. Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NERAV BOUMG EVITLY CLUGED. How arrange the circled letters to form the four words, as suggested by the above cartoon.

ANSWER: THERE WAS A SNOWY DAY. (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumble: SYNOG CAKED KETTLE ANYHOW. Answer: Evny dog has its 'day' except one with a sore tail which has this—ITS 'WEAK END'!

WEATHER table with columns for EUROPE, ASIA, NORTH AMERICA, MIDDLE EAST, and OCEANIA, showing high and low temperatures.



World Stock Markets table showing closing prices in local currencies for various cities including Amsterdam, London, Madrid, Milan, Paris, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, and Sydney.

BOOKS

THE TRUE GEN: An Intimate Portrait of Hemingway by Those Who Knew Him. By Denis Brian. Illustrated. 356 pages. \$19.95. Grove Press, 196 West Houston Street, New York, N. Y. 10014.

Reviewed by Herbert Mitgang. ORAL history — the technique perfected by the inimitable Studs Terkel in such books as "The Good War" and "Working" — records the words of various people on a single theme and then cobbles them together artfully — can sometimes be useful in biography. It's tricky stylistically. In the wrong editorial hands, oral history can come out simply as research that has been transcribed and undigested: style overwhelming substance.

exception to an opening-lead guideline. South had no way to make more than seven tricks, and East-West collected 200, and a top score, against a contract that was sometimes made at other tables.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott. FOR the first time, the American Contract Bridge League will this year use the same formula for selection the two United States squads.

BRIDGE table showing North and South hands, bidding, and play. Includes a diagram of the deal.

Large vertical advertisement on the right side of the page, partially cut off, featuring 'Lamba Flase' and 'SPORTS BR'.

SPORTS

Tomba Flashes to Seventh Cup Triumph

SAAS FEE, Switzerland—Alberto Tomba of Italy posed his seventh World Cup victory of the season in a giant slalom here Tuesday, winning his lead over defending champion Pirmin Zurbriggen in the overall standings.



Alberto Tomba: "I feel a little bit lonely out in front all the time."

"Winning in Zurbriggen's home area was something special," said Tomba. "I had no problems," but "I'm not thinking about winning the World Cup yet — first, the Olympics."

Cash, Lendl to Meet in Semifinals



Martina Navratilova: "It was a solid performance."

MELBOURNE — Top seed Ivan Lendl registered a 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) victory over Todd Witsken Tuesday to breeze into the Australian Open tennis tournament's semifinals, where he will play fourth-seeded Pat Cash.

Cash, an aggressive player who loves to come to the net, agreed that the clash with baseliner Lendl would present an interesting contrast. "It's a bit like Borg and McEnroe. They always had interesting matches."

Navratilova, who has reached 11 grand slam finals since losing to Sukova in the 1984 semifinals here, commanded a 72-minute match despite a serving slump in the second set.

And Now Peru Sifts Tragedy's Cold Ashes

LONDON — For good and bad, soccer is as joined to tragedy as life itself. At its best, the game provides passing relief from the slow tragedy of looking for consistent form all winter. He said he felt weak in the tough giant slalom after a chest cold. "Now I'll slowly start preparing for the Olympics" next month, he said.

Rob Hughes was becoming again the heartbeat of Peruvian soccer. And what sport that club represents, Peru, when the spirit moved it in the 1970 and 1978 World Cups, ended a joy second only to Brazil's.

Teofilo Cubillas, who came from Alianza and who thrilled us at both those tournaments. He was full of devilry; he loved to dribble close to opponents, to draw them in and then explode past them, finishing with awesome right-footed power.

crashed into the Spersa basilica outside Turin. In 1958, eight of the Manchester United team — the Busby Babes — died when their plane overshot an icy runway in Munich after a European Champions' Cup game in Belgrade.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Western Conference, National Basketball Association Standings, and Basketball scores.

Tennis

Table with columns for Australian Open, Women's Singles, and Tennis match results.

Hockey

Table with columns for National Hockey League Standings, Campbell Conference, and Hockey match results.

College Top-20 Ratings

Table listing college top-20 ratings for various sports including basketball, football, and tennis.

World Cup Skiing

Table listing World Cup skiing results for men's giant slalom and overall standings.

SPORTS BRIEFS

2-Year Ban Upheld for Swiss Runner LONDON (UPI) — Sandra Gasser, the Swiss runner who was stripped of the 1500-meter bronze medal she won at the 1987 world championships, on Tuesday lost her appeal against a two-year suspension from international competition.

Braintrust at U. of Chicago Dismisses a Winning Coach

CHICAGO — A winning football coach has been let go, the college won't say why and students are signing petitions to get him reinstated.

Leader Appeals Rally Disqualification

KAYES, Mali (Combined Dispatches) — A judges committee of the Paris-Dakar motor rally early Tuesday disqualified Ari Vatunen of Finland, the overall leader in the car-truck division in his Peugeot 405, because of his late start on Monday's 18th leg.

Illinois Coach Quits Amid NCAA Probe

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois (UPI) — Mike White, the football coach at Illinois, resigned late Monday amid National Collegiate Athletic Association charges of recruiting infractions.

INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFIED (Continued from Page 6) - A large advertisement section containing various classified ads for travel, real estate, and services.

OBSERVER

Stark Naked Ignorance

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — It was supposed to be healthy or honest, possibly both, when nudity went public and actors started standing around on stage and screen without a stitch on.

How else explain the horror stories emanating from the American campus about college students who can't tell you where the Pacific Ocean is, much less Japan? When public undress was taboo in the United States the dumbest kid in fifth grade could not only locate the Pacific Ocean, but also pinpoint the location of several islands in it whose residents wore practically nothing at all.

This he knew from studying The National Geographic, a magazine considered such hot stuff by the corduroy-knicker that it was studied with the same intensity a later generation was to lavish on Playboy and R-rated movies.

If you were curious about how people looked undressed — and who was? — The National Geographic was the basic source of information. In the course of the research, a good deal of other information rubbed off the page onto the student.

By seventh or eighth grade, and certainly long before college, American youth had extensive knowledge of geography. When they grew up and had to fight World War II and somebody told them they were ignorant, they knew where Japan was.

By contrast, half the California college students examined in a recent study did not know where Japan was. Forty-five percent of Maryland high school seniors were asked recently to pencil the United States in on a world map couldn't do it.

The issue is about trade-offs. Grant for argument's sake that shedding the taboo against commonplace nudity made for a healthier, more honest society. By eliminating the incentive for young people to learn geography, however, it also made for a dumber society.

Which is better: healthier, more honest, but dumb? Or sexually inhibited, hypocritical about the human body, but able to distinguish

Kansas City from Japan when on bombing assignments? Hard choices like this are always involved when progress is at stake. The problem is that we can rarely foresee the trade-off until the progress has afflicted us irreversibly. Who could have foreseen that the wonderful new honesty and health we gained by making nudity commonplace would stop American youth from studying The National Geographic, thereby producing an alarming increase in dumbness?

There was no real opposition to The National Geographic's fondness for pictures of people undressed. Nothing to compare with campaigns waged by social and moral uplifters nowadays. No pornography commissions appointed by the attorney general to hustle the church vote by denouncing magazines that publish pictures of people undressed.

Far from being harassed by uplifters, The National Geographic was recommended by schoolteachers and pious uncles. The grown-ups knew about the pictures of undressed humans, but were never heard to disapprove of The Geographic because of them. That was probably because adults of that benighted, inhibited, repressed age, the age before Playboy, were more sophisticated than today's adults.

The undressed people in The Geographic always looked pretty much like the undressed people, including me, whom I saw later in life: not special. I think adults who recommended The National Geographic remembered what fifth-graders were curious about and thought the wise policy was to calm them down by letting them see the real thing: nothing special.

More than that, though, the adults probably thought a little prurience could be useful if it lured the children into contact with The Geographic's heavy educational content. Let the kids peek, but only where there's a chance they can learn about something besides the unspecial quality of the human shape.

Nowadays you cruise through acres of entertainment nudity and come back so dumb you don't even know where your own country is, much less Japan.

New York Times Service

Ross Thomas and His World of Mayhem

By Sarah Booth Conroy

WASHINGTON — The sometime Washington novelist, Malibu, California, screenwriter, Oklahoma sports-writer and Nigerian political pundit Ross Thomas no longer looks like the young infantryman he once was. At 61, he looks more like a newspaper rewrite man, which he also once was.

As an infantryman in the Philippines during World War II and as a reporter in southwestern Louisiana in 1949-50, he says, "I saw enough violence to last a lifetime. In what was little heroism, and not many fake reactions. This reality taught him that 'if you're going to write about violence — and it's the crux of the suspense story: who dies, who doesn't — it should be the way people react to it, not the way they're supposed to. I saw a lot of violence, and I always found the reactions of soldiers, cops and people interesting — the lack of reaction, the numbness. Nobody was horrified or amazed. Nobody was anything.'

Thomas is good at that sort of thing. Just when the violence is unbearable, he twists murder into the macabre, sadism into the sardonic, making it both awful and ridiculous, which it is. He doesn't glorify blood and gore, but shows evil as banal, senseless. He likes to think of himself as a realist, but his books may carry the impact they do because he manages the delicate balance of horror and humor in a "drink today, for tomorrow we die; laugh today, for tomorrow we cry" kind of world.

Three weeks after the Corazon Aquino revolution, Thomas, like his infantry hero grown to 60 in his new novel, "Out on the Rim," went back to the Philippine Islands of Luzon and Cebu. He talked to some who claimed to be rebels from the New People's Army. The manager of the central agency told Thomas that if things had gotten any worse under Marcos, he was ready to head for the mountains. But the poverty and problems made Thomas think that "Nothing had really happened. The real military coup will be the next time." And he began "Out on the Rim" because, as he puts it, "in a book you have the freedom to do anything you want to do."

Thomas lived in Washington in the 60s and early 70s, working as a pen-for-hire on Capitol Hill because, he says, he is a political news junkie and liked his fix to come on his doorstep in the morning. In "Missionary Stew," he draws a satirical self-portrait of himself as Haere, a political consultant and writer: "The sad brown eyes, the weary mouth, the delicate nose and the sturdy chin had somehow melded themselves into a long-suffering look that many mistook for past tragedy, but that was actually chronic exasperation. Because of his almost saintly looks, Haere was the first person trusting strangers turned to with tales of despair and their questions about how to get to Disneyland. Haere could have been a world-class confidence man. He had instead gone into politics on the nuts-and-bolts side, and nearly everyone agreed that he was the best there was at his particular specialty, which was writing letters to people and getting money back in the mail."

You always have a complete description, and often a short biography, of each character in a Thomas novel. His characters are well rounded, often quixotic. They have wonderful names, such as Maurice (Oberguy) Overby, "housebreaker to the stars," who appears in both "Chinaman's Chance" and "Out on the Rim."

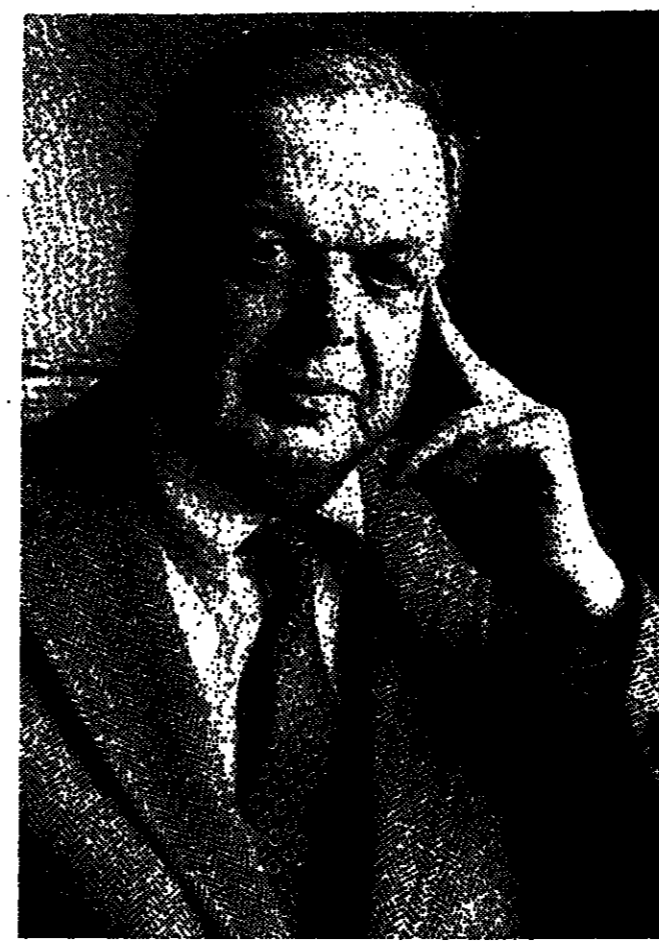
Thomas returned to Washington to be sure the Madison Hotel and Dupont Circle (both in the new book) are still here. It seemed fair to ask him, since he's so good at describing characters, how he would describe himself.

With the hesitant speech of a man first writing it out in his head, he answers: "I've got a high forehead, far too high. My eyes are slightly popped. Big and hazel. An indefinite mouth, and not quite enough chin, I suppose. I don't look like anybody — perhaps Mr. Average. Maybe I do look like a rewrite man, or a copy desk type. I'm still a pretty fair writer."

Thomas wanted to call it "The Christmas Hero," after the amateur spies the CIA enlists, but the publisher was afraid bookstores would put it on the shelves by "A Christmas Carol."

He wrote "The Cold War Swap" in six weeks in 1965 (sometimes he says seven), wrapped it up in brown paper, tied it with a string and sent it off to William Morrow & Co. Two months later, on what he says was the happiest day of his life, he got a letter from Morrow accepting it.

Later, in 1973, Thomas, as usual, was spending a considerable amount of time in the Library of Congress, researching his books, when he found there his second wife, Rosalie Appleton. They were married the next year and they live in Malibu. She helps him with Dewey decimals and news-



Novelist Thomas: 21 volumes on the road to abstention.

kywriting, but the chief lost, was sentenced to prison for treason, made a comeback and died a year ago in bed. But out of Africa came Thomas's "The Seacucker Whipsaw," the funniest African novel since Evelyn Waugh's "Scoop."

In 1966, Thomas worked for Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson to shape into 350 concise pages the 1,000 handwritten pages about the workings of the Cosa Nostra, written by Joseph Valachi, a mobster protected by the FBI. Thomas got at least two books out of the Pearson/Anderson assignment. "The Singapore Wink" and "If You Can't Be Good..."

Earlier, Thomas was an American Armed Forces Network correspondent in Frankfurt and Bonn, the background for his first novel, "The Cold War Swap."

paper and magazine clippings ("she's the best researcher in the world").

Thomas may be the first man ever saved from drinking, smoking and gulping black coffee by becoming a novelist.

You can chart his road to abstention through his 21 books, from the hard drinking in a Berlin bar in "The Cold War Swap" (even Thomas says "nobody ever drank as much as that") to the delicate sherry in the paneled office in "Out on the Rim." He quit drinking in 1961, but he has had a few lapses since. A binge would be at least a week or 10 days. But he found that drinking interfered with his writing. And '13 or so years ago, he decided he'd rather write than drink.

Three years ago, he stopped smoking three packs of Pall Malls a day. Though he finds it rather silly "for a grown man to walk down the street chewing gum," he's now a chain nicotine-gum chewer.

Along his way to sainthood, he's almost quit drinking coffee, down to one cup a day from 10 or 15. "I have no remaining good habits," he says with regret. "Or I wouldn't if I could quit eating."

To all this virtue, he adds five or six hours of writing a day, six days a week. "And now I have 21 books to show for it. And I haven't had to teach." This is no small boast, in a country where less than 5 percent of novelists are said to earn a living from their books. All his books have been optioned for the movies (though only one has been filmed, "St. Ives," with Charles Bronson). He's written 10 or 12 screenplays of his own books, other people's books ("Hammett" in which, as he says, he played a bit role as a "pervert" and an originator) or two. In California he's gained a reputation as a script doctor — a man who for a suitable number of zeros after a figure will, in a weekend, transform a dud of a television episode into a witty "Hardcastle & McCormack" show.

And what will happen next? Well, he has another book coming out of his typewriter. But just what he plans to do, he leaves well, ambiguous, like the endings of his books. "I always like to leave some question, not as to what has happened, but what will."

PEOPLE

Writers Denounce Lack Of Toni Morrison Prizes

Forty-eight U.S. black writers and critics have signed a statement deploring the fact that Toni Morrison has not won a National Book Award or the Pulitzer Prize — something they attribute to "oversight and harmful whimsy." Described by its authors as a tribute to Morrison, and written partly in the form of an open letter to her, the statement will be published in The New York Times Book Review of Jan. 24. In a companion piece, the poet June Jordan and the critic Houston A. Baker Jr., who joined in the tribute to Morrison, deplore the failure of James Baldwin, who died last month, to receive either award. "Beloved," Morrison's most recent novel, about the remembrances of a former slave in post-Civil War Ohio, was a finalist for both the National Book Award, which was won by "Paco's Story" by Larry Heinemann, and the National Book Critics Circle Award, which was won by "The Counterlife" by Philip Roth. Morrison's novel "Song of Solomon" won the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction in 1977. Nevertheless, the signers say that because of her failure to receive either of both of the other awards, "she has yet to receive the national recognition that her five major works of fiction entirely deserve."

Martha Graham is feeling fine and may be released from the hospital soon, a spokeswoman for her dance company says. The 93-year-old choreographer was admitted for tests Sunday to a New York hospital after she became dizzy and slightly nauseous.

The American trumpeter George Cole and a concert tour of Thailand with an instrument fit for a king — a gift from King Bhumibol Adulyadej, a jazz lover. Thai and U.S. officials said the monarch gave 79-year-old Cole, of the Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans, a French-made Conn trumpet as a memento of a pajama session which followed the band's weekend concerts in Bangkok.

A monument to Janis Joplin, who would have been 45 years old Tuesday, is being dedicated to her in her hometown of Port Arthur, Texas. Joplin died 17 years ago of a drug overdose.

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